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Application No. : 10/735,077 Confirmation No. 1285  
Applicant : Wade Lee BOWLES et al.  
Filed : December 11, 2003  
Title : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HORIZONTAL  
CASTING AND CUTTING OF METAL BILLETS  
Art Unit : 1725  
Examiner: : Ing-Hour Lin

**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.